

## Activity: Environmental Compliance and Review

### Activity Summary

	2003 Enacted	2004 Estimate	FY 2005			Change From 2003 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Environmental Compliance and Review	397	396	+1	0	397	+1
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>+1</b>

### Authorization

16 U.S.C. 460I - 469I-3	The Outdoor Recreation Act
42 U.S.C. 4321 - 4347	National Environmental Policy Act
49 U.S.C. 303	Department of Transportation Act
16 U.S.C. 1271 - 1287	Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
16 U.S.C. 460I - 460I-11	Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
16 U.S.C. 3501 - 3510	Coastal Barrier Resources Act
23 U.S.C. 101	Federal Aid Highway Act of 1976
16 U.S.C. 1nt et seq.	National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978
16 U.S.C. 1241 - 1251	National Trails System Act

### Activity Overview

The Environmental Compliance and Review activity provides review and comment on environmental impact statements, Federal licensing and permitting applications and other actions which may impact areas of National Park Service jurisdiction and expertise. This activity ensures compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental protection mandates; and provides comments on the effects on environmental quality resulting from proposed legislation, regulations, guidelines, and Executive Orders regarding wild and scenic rivers, national trails, wilderness, resource management plans and activities from other agencies, recreation composites, Federal surplus property transfers, and related projects and undertakings.

### DOI Outcome Goals Applicable to this Activity

#### Resource Protection

#### 1.1 Improve Health of Watersheds, Landscapes, and Marine Resources

This activity supports this goal by reviewing permits, environmental impact statements and other actions to ensure compliance with environmental protection mandates that secure continued health of watersheds and landscapes.

#### 1.2 Sustain Biological Communities

This activity supports this goal by reviewing permits, environmental impact statements and other actions to ensure compliance with environmental protection mandates, including management of threatened and endangered species.

#### 1.3 Protect Cultural and Natural Heritage Resources

This activity supports this goal by reviewing permits, environmental impact statements and other actions to ensure compliance with environmental protection mandates that protect natural heritage resources.

**Recreation****3.1 Provide for a quality recreation experience, including access and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources**

This activity supports this goal by reviewing permits, environmental impact statements and other actions to ensure compliance with environmental protection mandates while allowing access for recreation, as appropriate, and to enhance the quality of recreation opportunities, ensure responsible use in recreation and to improve assessments for decision making. For example, this office reviews rulemaking and environmental analyses for all NPS units proposing to allow personal watercraft (PWC) use.

**FY 2005 Base Program Overview**

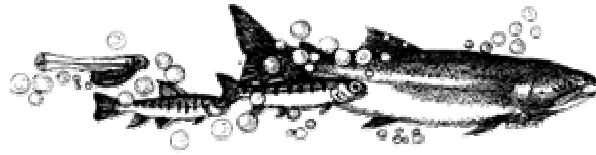
The National Park Service is mandated to exercise stewardship over properties acquired, developed, or preserved through NPS grant programs and to protect other areas, such as wild and scenic rivers, cultural sites, and segments of the National Trails System. Protection is achieved through application of a variety of existing environmental mandates such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing, and permits issued under section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

- With the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, there is a requirement for increasing coordination with FERC in the review of new hydropower licenses in units of the NPS. FERC-related responsibilities in this activity focus primarily on regulatory compliance; mitigation and other resource protection measures are being addressed in the Hydropower Recreation Assistance component of the Natural Programs activity.
- Leadership, guidance and training are provided by the Washington office to regional offices, system support offices, and park managers and personnel responsible for participation in the preparation of environmental documents or other requirements of environmental mandates. Through the Washington Office, the NPS coordinates its review activity with the Departmental Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance. The office provides, evaluates, and implements changes to operations within the NPS so that resources are adequately evaluated both in internal activities and external consultations with other Federal, State and local agencies.
- In carrying out its responsibilities for NEPA compliance, the environmental quality program is responsible for establishing the procedures governing the development of environmental evaluations of proposed NPS actions, including impacts to National Park System resources. In addition, this guidance provides for increased opportunities for public involvement and for participation by state, local and tribal governments in development of NPS NEPA documents when those governments have special expertise in the impacts or issues resulting from an NPS proposal.
- The Service's reply time in preparing required reviews and answering inquiries has been reduced in the last five years. The bureau has implemented improvements in its data management and document control to increase use of technological advances in communications with the field.

*Workload and performance tables are found after the justification of program changes at the end of this activity.*

### 2003 Program Performance Accomplishments

- Environmental Analyses and Public Participation: Projects have been initiated to seek public input and complete environmental analysis for a variety of issues, including ecosystem restoration of landscapes and habitat at Bandelier NM; management of mountain lakes fisheries at North Cascades NP; exotic vegetation species management at Everglades NP; and establishment of ecological benchmarks for resource protection at Indiana Dunes NL.
- Participation and guidance in resolving environmental compliance issues surround conversion issues and conversion of local park priorities.



*North Cascades NP: Salmon were an integral part of the lives of the Native Americans who once resided in the Skagit River watershed. The arrival of the salmon was marked with special ceremonies and rituals, which honored the salmon and requested their return in subsequent years.*

### 2004 Planned Program Performance

- Test and implement web-based project management system for use Servicewide.
- Complete additional guidelines for efficiently conducting environmental analysis for general management plans, Federal highway projects, and NPS partnership projects (LWCF).
- Improvement to Electronic Review and Distribution of environmental documents.
- Measurable reduction in the time taken by NPS reviews of other agency documents.

### Justification of FY 2005 Budget Request for Environmental Compliance and Review

Request Component	Amount
<b>FY 2004 Budget Estimate</b>	396
Programmatic Changes	No Change
<b>TOTAL Program Changes</b>	<b>0</b>
Uncontrollable changes	+1
<b>FY 2005 Budget Request</b>	<b>397</b>
Net change	+1

**Workload Tables: Environmental Compliance and Review****Environmental Compliance and Review Workload Factors**

<b>Workload Factor</b>	<b>FY 2003 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2004 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2005 Estimate</b>
Environmental documents reviewed*	2,300	2,300	2,300
Transportation-related reviews	350	350	350
License and permit application reviews	370	370	370
Regulation and other land use proposal review comments	1,200	1,200	1,200
Comment letters and other activities	2,100	2,100	2,100
Number of reviews prepared on recreation, historic or archeological resource/license and permit applications	370	370	370
Number of reviews prepared on proposed regulations and other land management/ proposals	1,200	1,200	1,200
Number of transportation related reviews and comments	460	460	460

\* Received from other agencies.

**Activity Performance Summary:**

This work indirectly supports all natural and cultural resource goals. See ONPS Resource Stewardship goals.